GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1710
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TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT IN MINERAL EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed and actual achievements made from mineral exploration during each of the last three years, mineral-wise;

(b) whether the targets fixed has not been achieved;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the fixed targets ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) : The details of the targets fixed and actual achievements made for mineral exploration by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) during each of the last three years, mineral-wise are given in Annexure.

(b) : According to GSI, almost all the targets set for mapping have been achieved and there has been some shortfall in drilling targets.

(c) : The targets for drilling could not be achieved due to
(i)non-availability of forest clearance,
(ii) law and order problem, and
(iii) geological formational problem. Soft formations in the boreholes also hindered progress in some areas.

(d) : Ministry of Mines has taken up the matter regarding forest clearance with Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Annexure

Reply in respect of part (a) to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1710 due for answer on 11.03.2008

DETAILS OF TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINERAL EXPLORATION BY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA FOR THE PERIOD 2004-05 TO 2006-07.

Mineral Commodity	Nature of work	2004-05 Target	2004-05 Achievement	2005-06 Target	2005-06 Achievement	2006-07 Target	2006-07 Achievement
Gold	LSM+	DM 236.24	218.64	137.20	151.81	326.10	284.92
	D	9800.00	9081.35	7600.35	6937.75	10275.00	9502.00
Diamond	LSM+	DM 5.00	5.50	105.00	124.00	10.00	10.50
	D	1150.00	309.00	250.00	764.00	800.00	59.90
PlatinoidGroup of Elements	LSM+	DM 30.00	36.50	33.00	45.53	255.25	225.00
	D	- -	nil	601.30	800.00	1469.40	
Ferrous Group	LSM+	DM 304.50	303.65	172.00	278.50	291.0	223.37
	D	1500.00	1253.80	1500.00	1663.11	3500.00	895.55
Basemetal (Copper, Lead, Zinc)	LSM+	DM 162.75	159.55	458.60	315.05	62.30	73.60
	D	16385.50	13935.50	16385.00	13539.80	10800.00	8309.90
Others	LSM+	DM 95.91	100.00	152.10	160.67	334.25	296.20
	D	5150.00	3768.35	4300.00	2281.35	4100.00	3956.20
TOTAL:	LSM+	DM 834.40	823.84	1057.90	1075.56	1278.90	1113.58

D	33985.50	28348.00	30035.35	25787.31	30275.00	24192.95

LSM : Large Scale Mapping(Sq.Km.)
DM: Detailed Mapping(Sq.Km.)
D : Drilling(In meters)